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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 732  
By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the McKendree  
Village employees and residents on celebrating  
its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor  
those exemplary organizations who through their abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit  
to this state; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1963, The Home of the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist  
Church for the Retired opened its doors in Hermitage as a continuing care retirement  
community with 101 beds and six residents; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Vernon T. McGhee was appointed the first Administrator by  
Bishop Roy H. Short and his Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the Home of the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church  
for the Retired officially changed its name to McKendree Manor until 1984, when it became  
McKendree Village; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirty-five years, McKendree Village has offered a variety of  
residential and medical care; and

WHEREAS, McKendree Village offers independent living in The Cottage, The Tower,  
and The Manor; and

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WHEREAS, in 1992, McKendree Village established a respite care program and expanded their Geriatric Rehabilitation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Health Center at McKendree Village offers various kinds of health care, from intermediate to skilled nursing care; and

WHEREAS, McKendree Village is the largest private nursing home in Tennessee, with a total of 300 beds and a 50-bed secured Alzheimer's Unit; and

WHEREAS, today, McKendree Village is a 42-acre center with an adult residential population of nearly 700 and a staff of 400; and

WHEREAS, McKendree Village is a non-profit corporation which is affiliated with the Tennessee Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and Vanderbilt University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, from 1989 to the present, McKendree Village has been under the sagacious leadership of Dr. Robert F. Willner, who was recommended and approved by Bishop Ernest W. Newman and his Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this outstanding organization on this important milestone in their history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate McKendree Village on the celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and wish them much success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly inscribed copy of this resolution, with this final resolving clause deleted, be prepared and presented.